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TAGS: OVIP (TORRIJOS, OMAR)

SUBJECT: TORRIJOS DEPARTURE FOR COLOMBO

REF: CARACAS 9590 (NOTAL)

1. PER CARACAS REQUEST REFTTEL, MOST RECENT INFORMATION EMBASSY HAS ON TORRIJOS ETD FROM PANAMA FOR COLOMBO IS PRESS REPORT MONDAY MORNING AUGUST 9 WHICH QUOTES TORRIJOS AS SAYING HE WOULD DEPART ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 11.

2. WE UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT PANAMANIAN AIR FORCE (FAP) HAS BEEN GIVEN AUGUST 11 AS DEPARTURE DATE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FIRM "GO" ORDERS FOR THAT DATE. REPORTEDLY, THERE ARE VARIOUS TRAVEL ALTERNATIVES STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING PREPOSITIONING OF FAP AIRCRAFT IN MADRID, WITH TORRIJOS AND PARTY TO MEET FAP THERE AFTER COMMERCIAL TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT.

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3. THIS CONTRADICTS EARLIER INDICATION (PANAMA 5433)
THAT TORRIJOS MIGHT NOT LEAVE UNTIL SATURDAY, AUGUST 14.
DESPITE SOME CHANCE HE WILL STAY LONGER, EMBASSY CON-
SIDERS IT MOST LIKELY AT THIS TIME THAT HE WILL LEAVE ON
AUGUST 11.
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